Power Supply Position in A.P.

2541. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power supply position prevailing in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years showing the requirement, availability and shortage position, year-wise; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to augment power supply position in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The power supply position in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given below:—

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-01
Requirement (MU)	41958	45835	47792
Availability(MU)	38293	42832	44055
Shortage (MU)	3665	3003	3737
%	8.7	6.6	7.8

(b) To augment the power supply in Andhra Pradesh, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Capacity Addition: 1048.8 MW additional generating capacity is programmed for commissioning during the current year. In addition, 210 MW is likely to be commissioned during the current year in central sector in which Andhra Pradesh will be having a share. Further 2957.2 MW capacity addition is planned in State/Private sectors and another 2740 MW in Central Sector in which Andhra Pradesh will be having shares, during the Xth Plan.

(ii) Augmentation to Transmission system in the State for maximizing import of power from surplus Eastern Region.

(iii) Renovation & Modernisation and life extension of old and inefficient generating units in the State by funding through Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) scheme.

(iv) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses by augmenting/strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network in the State by funding under APDP scheme.

Prioritising hydro-electric power projects by CEA

2542. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to prioritizing hydro-electric power projects for speedy implementation basin-wise ranking studies have been carried out by the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the details of the hydro-projects identified for prioritization, basin-wise; the power potential of each and the cost thereof; and

(c) whether any new projects have been identified in the Krishna, Godavari and Cauveri basins, Bhima and Seena river basins, if so, the time frame contemplated for implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is according high priority to exploit the untapped hydro-electric potential in the country. In order to accelerate the process of survey and investigation of the new hydro-electric sites and to create a shelf of feasible projects which could be taken up for execution, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) was asked to carry out a ranking study of the balance hydro sites for all the six river basins classified in the country. CEA has since brought out a Report on Preliminary Ranking Study of about 400 hydro schemes with an aggregate installed capacity of about 1,07,000 MW which were identified but are yet to be developed. The inter-se-prioritization of hydro sites within the basins has been carried out on